

1774-1792

FRANCE

Bourbon Dynasty

LOUIS XVI was King

1774

When the First Continental Congress met, George Washington was there

Winter 1774

The first Continental Congress was held in Philadelphia. All colonies sent representatives except Georgia. Sam Adams was one of men from Massachusetts.

They sent a respectful letter to the king saying that the colonies had rights and could not give them up.

Spring of 1774, the men decided they would meet again, but in meantime

colonies would not buy English goods  
When Sam Adams returned to mass.  
he urged the people to prepare for  
War.

more British soldiers were sent to  
Boston. General Gage was the new  
governor of mass. He had orders  
to arrest Sam Adams & send him  
to England.

Outside Boston men began to march and collect ammunition. Gen. Sage heard of this & that Sam Adams was in Lexington. The General's plan to send soldiers to Lexington & Concord was known before the soldiers left Boston. William Dawes & Paul Revere rode out to warn the people. Sam Adams left Lexington. In Concord the colonists moved most of their ammunition to a safe place. In Lexington there were about

70 Minute Men against about 700 British.  
Eight Americans fell & the colonists had to fall  
back. British marched to Concord. Another fight  
Another fall back. But when the British started for  
Boston the country was alive with rebels. By the  
time the British reached Boston they had lost nearly  
300 men.

Sam Adams was on his way to the  
Second Continental Congress in Philadelphia

1774

## Intolerable Acts (Coercive Acts)

name given by American patriots to five acts passed by British parliament as reprisals against Americans for the Boston Tea Party, 1774.

I Boston Port Bill. closed Boston harbor until East India Co. was paid for destroying tea. Mar 31, 1774

II & III Increased Crown's power over Massachusetts Courts and Charter.

May 30, 1774

IV Quebec Act Called "intolerable" May 30, 1774

V New Quartering Act - forced Massachusetts residents to house and feed British troops  
June 3, 1774



1774-1780

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of 176,000 Englishmen on board English ships, there were 1,243 killed in action; 18,541 died of disease; 42,069 deserted

1774 to 1789

From the 1st Continental Congress (1774) to the last session of the original Congress, the nation had 14 different Presidents

The first was Peyton Randolph, from Virg, unanimously elected at the 1st Session of Congress Sept 1774. They served an Ave. of 1 yr apiece.

1774

Captain Cook wrote in 1774  
"We could hardly conceive how  
these islands, wholly unacquainted  
with any mechanical power  
could raise such stupendous  
figures."

May 10, 1774

Louis XVI ascended the throne  
of France

Oct. 26, 1774

The First Continental Congress  
adjourned in Philadelphia

Sept 5, 1774

The 1st Continental Congress assembled  
in Philadelphia.

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1912 Dates J-BK

America  
Continental Congress at Philadelphia  
passed a declaration of  
rights



Sp 5-Oct 26, 1774

First Continental Congress at  
Philadelphia (legislative body of  
revolutionary colonies and of U.S.  
under Articles of Confederation  
At Philadelphia - expressed grievances  
against British policy and  
forbade importation of British  
goods.

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Great Britain

Boston Port Bill was passed

Mon 1774

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The Boston Port Bill was passed by the British Parliament to punish Boston for the "Tea Party".

12/16/1773. It was intended to close the harbor to commerce & move capital to SALEM and make Northhead a port of entry, until the owners were indemnified for the destroyed cargo.

1774

The "Shaking Quakers" sect  
was established in America  
in 1774 by Ann Lee  
Reached its height in the 1840's  
with membership of 6,000

1999 - only one or 2 elderly Shakers  
survive.

Sep 5, 1774

The First Continental Congress  
at Philadelphia.

1774

U.S.

only a few cities - Philadelphia, New York, Boston & Charleston. Philadelphia largest with 40,000

Total Population in Colonies = c 2.5 M  
More than 1/5 were negro slaves

These people were far better off than their  
cousins in Britain, France & Germany